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Mr. Lyman Hamilton, of the Bureau of the Budget, called to state that their lawyers wished to make a change in our proposed appropriation language by striking out the word "for" and striking out the phrase "construction to extend the George Washington Memorial Parkway" and substituting the words "road construction" for the latter phrase. This would make the clause read "and acquisition of land and road construction. . ."

In a subsequent discussion with Mr. Hart Perry and Mr. Hamilton I stated that this language would not be satisfactory as it left the phrase "acquisition of land" dangling without tying it to any particular land, and therefore it would appear to duplicate the same phrase at the beginning of the appropriations section, which phrase was included for the acquisition of a site. Mr. Perry then stated that they would try to reinsert the word "for" after the second "acquisition of land" to tie it into the land for road construction. I also took exception to substituting the phrase "road construction" for the phrase "construction to extend the George Washington Memorial Parkway" on the basis that the words "road construction" are so generalized as to leave the Agency open to considerable criticism that we were going into the road building business, whereas it would be easily explainable if the qualifying phrase regarding the George Washington Memorial Parkway were utilized. The Bureau of the Budget appears to be adamant on its language. I have told them that the original language which was cleared by the Bureau of the Budget has already been submitted to the Appropriations Committee and that I did not concur in their revision.

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